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Dear Senators:

I understand that when the Senate Agriculture Committee meets this week, a final hearing will be held on Senate Bills 501-504 regarding the deregulation of the CAFO industry.

I also understand that the bills are likely to contain the following provisions:

1. Deregulation of CAFOs by exempting them from required permits,
2. Legalization of CAFO pollution by changing the definition of "agricultural stormwater",
3. Discouraging citizens from submitting complaints of CAFO pollution by making citizens pay for complaint investigation costs.

If passed, these provisions will effectively prevent the DEQ from doing its job, namely protecting the environment for the benefit of all of Michigan's citizens.

Passage of the above provisions will benefit only the owners of the CAFOs who profit from their businesses at the expense of their neighbors' enjoyment of their homes and properties and at the expense of the environment in general.

As the owner of farm, I understand the problems associated with animal waste. I urge you not to deregulate CAFOs.

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